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SUBJECT: US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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1. ONLY OPPORTUNITY INFORM MALIK RE POSSIBLE ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN CAME JANUARY 6 DURING CALL WITH SENATORS THURMOND AND SCOTT. I PASSED MALIK BRIEF NOTE WHICH CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF DEPTTEL 283832 AND INDICATING ROMULO HAD BEEN INFORMED AND MIGHT MENTION MATTER TO HIM.

2. I CONFESS I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW DEPARTMENT COULD HAVE PROCEEDED ON THIS INITIATIVE WITHOUT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT ON CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN OF RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO OPEC COUNTRIES IN TITLE 5 OF TRADE ACT. HOW CAN WE HAVE MEANINGFUL AND UNEMBARRASSING DISCUSSIONS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES WHEN LARGEST MEMBER IS EXCLUDED FROM ONE OF KEY BENEFITS OF TRADE ACT? SINCE ROMULO HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED,
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HOWEVER, I AGREE WITH STATE 1890 THAT WE HAD NO

CHOICE BUT TO INFORM MALIK AND OTHERS.

3. FOLLOWING THIS ACTION AND PENDING ANY FURTHER REACTION FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES, I WOULD HOPE WE COULD LET MATTERS REST AND NOT PRESS FOR RESPONSES IN OTHER CAPITALS.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THIS POST TO HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM DEPARTMENT CLEAREST FEASIBLE GUIDANCE ON POSSIBILITY OF ULTIMATE EXEMPTION FOR INDONESIA FROM RESTRICTIONS OF TITLE 5. INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS IN ASEAN CONTEXT COULD WELL DEPEND ON OUR HOLDING OUT SOME HOPE THAT INDONESIA CAN ULTIMATELY BE INCLUDED IN GENERALIZED PREFERENCE BENEFITS. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, I FEEL I SHOULD INFORM MALIK OF PROBLEM AT MY NEXT MEETING.
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